

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State churches that admirably meet the spiritual needs of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Belton, Missouri, was organized in the home of John G. Holloway in May 1867 and will celebrate its One Hundred Fortieth Anniversary on May 6, 2007, with Dr. James T. Bottrell serving as its current pastor; and

Whereas, Belton Christian Church met at the original location of the High Blue Schoolhouse until 1878 when that building was moved to the southwest corner of Main and Cherry streets and the congregation moved along with it; and

Whereas, in 1895 Belton Christian Church under the pastorate of O.P. Shrout decided to build a red-brick church building that still stands today; and

Whereas, growth in the Belton area resulted in similar growth at Belton Christian Church with a move to its current location at the corner of Westover Road and Airway Lane, a generous gift of land by Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Hargis that allowed the church to expand, and a series of building projects that included the Fellowship Hall, Parsonage, and Sanctuary; and

Whereas, in 2003 the church's Fellowship Hall was renamed "Person Hall" in honor of the Reverend Richard and Deloris Person in light of their twenty-seven years of service to the congregation and the many weddings, funerals, and community events they held in the facility each year; and

Whereas, Belton Christian Church today is home to more than two hundred twenty-five members and looks forward to another one hundred forty years of civic-minded service:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Belton Christian Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebration the One Hundred Fortieth Anniversary of the founding of their religious institution; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Belton, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Baker
District No. 123

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker